

## CRISIS IMMINENT IN THE BALKANS

**Crafty Sultan Uses Demand of Powers for Macedonian Reforms to Stir Up the Albanians.**

**Abdul Hamid, With Back to Wall, Fights for Existence—In Mortal Terror of His Bodyguard.**

LONDON, April 4.—It has become evident this week that a crisis in the Balkans can no longer be postponed.

Hopes were entertained in certain quarters for a few days after the Sultan's acceptance of the Austro-Russian reforms that the ameliorating effect of that scheme might suffice to postpone hostilities for another twelve months. Later developments have not only dispelled these hopes, but have demonstrated to an unprecedented degree those qualities of crafty cleverness whereby the Sultan more than once has amazed and confounded Europe. His prompt acceptance of all the demands made by the powers aroused instant suspicion, and well it might.

**Extended Reforms.** It will be remembered that when he agreed to introduce mild reforms in Macedonia he said in effect: "This is such a good thing, I will apply it not only in Macedonia, but in Albania and Roumelia." He forthwith began the application of the reforms, not where they were needed, for the protection of the Christians of southern Macedonia, but in Mussulman Albania, a fierce, lawless country, where such interference was certain to provoke instant revolt. The Sultan is now able to point out to the powers a situation which is the opposite of what they expected.

It was well understood by Austria and Russia that their scheme of reforms was utterly inadequate for the relief of the Christian population of Macedonia, and it was feared that a revolt could not be averted. Now the Sultan points to the serious uprising of this week, culminating in the shooting of the Russian consul, which was all due, he declares, to the spontaneous revolt of his faithful Albanians against the drastic nature of the reforms.

**In Mortal Terror.** It is further announced that the Sultan is in mortal terror of his life on account of the resentment of his Albanian bodyguard at the slaughter of 600 of their countrymen by Turkish troops. So we have once more the familiar picture of Abdul Hamid with his back to the wall, fighting for his existence, while the powers which wish to coerce him are exasperatingly helpless.

The next step in the Sultan's program is clear. He is hurrying thousands of Kurds and similar troops from Asia Minor to Salonica. He will use them to subjugate and devastate Macedonia without mercy. In other words, the Christian population of the south will largely be victims of the Albanian revolt farther north.

**Home of Anarchy.** It is a mistake, by the way, to allow the Albanian problem to be overshadowed by the more familiar Macedonian question. A writer who has just returned from Albania says: "Here we have a land unknown, shunned; its maps more inaccurate than those of Central Africa; peopled by a nation of fierce, reckless warriors; a country unique in Europe, for while even little Montenegro has its schools, law courts, and newspapers, Albania knows none of these things. Even the language is entirely distinct from that of any other European tongue. In fact, its origin, as well as that of the Albanians themselves, is a mystery. "The people are spoken of collectively as Albanians, or sometimes as Arnauts. The idea of a united nation is erroneous. They are divided into three, according to religion—Mohammedans, Orthodox Greek, and Roman Catholic."

Christians, three factions constituting three different peoples, each animated with fanatical hatred of the others, and united only in case of common danger. The anarchy that exists all over Albania can only be faintly imagined."

**Europe Watching.** It is the writer's firm conviction that the immediate future of Europe is centered in Albania. It will thus appear that the Sultan's dilemma in dealing with his Albanian and Macedonian subjects is a real one, and certainly would not be simplified if taken over by any of the great powers. His policy of subjugation will be speedily applied, and as it is known there will be extensive resistance, a long series of terrible massacres seems assured.

European public opinion finds it difficult just at this moment to harmonize the czar's pacific language with his gift of millions of cartridges to Serbia and quick-firing guns to Montenegro, and asks what is the need of these gifts if there is to be no fighting. Renewed Russian military activity also adds to the uneasiness, and the conviction grows stronger daily that the hour for the settlement of the Balkan and the whole near Eastern question is at hand, and, furthermore, that it will not be settled without bloodshed.

The fall in consols, rentes, and other government securities has given rise to a certain amount of apprehension in regard to the danger of a general European war, and it may safely be said that Great Britain would not fire a shot to keep Russia out of Constantinople, and when that is understood it is difficult to see what could cause a general war.

## ENGLAND RENEWS AN ANCIENT ALLIANCE

**Result of King Edward's Visit to Portugal.**

LONDON, April 4.—The "Times" today publishes an interview from its Lisbon correspondent with "one of the most eminent Portuguese statesmen," the gist of which is to declare the existence of a definite offensive and defensive alliance of the governments of England and Portugal.

The visit of King Edward to Lisbon has directed attention to this old alliance, which dates from the time of Edward III, and has now been cemented by Edward VII. There have been since and prior to the South African war suggestions that Great Britain was on the eve of purchasing the Portuguese possessions in South Africa for the sake of the ports of Delagoa and Beira. These have been renewed by the present visit of King Edward, but may safely be dismissed.

No Portuguese government dares to part with any of the colonial possessions, of which the Portuguese are enormously proud, but the object of British diplomacy will be to arrange terms for the development of those ports which, while benefiting the Portuguese, will not offend the national pride.

But there are other features of this renewal of an old alliance. It indicates the conviction of Great Britain that the Atlantic, no less than the Mediterranean, has strategic importance. It marks, also, the importance which the smaller states and powers have assumed in the field of international affairs. The strategic value of Portugal's friendship is apparent in view of her possession of the Azores and other islands, not to mention her own seaboard.

### FOR USE IN ITALY.

BERLIN, April 4.—Three of the largest electrical locomotives in Europe have been ordered from the Austrian firm of Ganz & Co. for use on the Valtellina Railway in Italy. They will equal the most powerful steam locomotives and can be used in hauling freight cars as well as ordinary express trains.

## NO DELAY IN MAILS TO LONDON, SAY OFFICIALS

**British Charges of Favoritism to Shipping Trust.**

### EXPLICIT DENIALS HERE

**Sir John Long to Make Inquiry of English Postmaster General in House of Commons.**

LONDON, April 5.—As the result of much dissatisfaction among business men over the delay in receiving mails from America, Sir John Long will ask the Postmaster General in the House of Commons on Monday for an explanation regarding the deterioration of the Atlantic mail service, particularly since the steamship combine was formed. The inquiry proposed by Sir John has the endorsement of the entire business community of London and other large cities. The mail service from the United States has been constantly growing worse, it is said. The mail due here on Saturday last did not arrive until Tuesday, and that due here on Wednesday has not yet arrived.

The New York postoffice officials are also blamed for the delay, as it is asserted that they show almost erratic favoritism for certain steamships irrespective of the time of their arrival here.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger said yesterday morning that no complaints had been lodged with the department about the mail service with England and that he did not know of any reason for the dispatch. He said: "There could be no erratic favoritism on the part of the New York officials because the mails are sent on a fixed schedule, which is arranged in advance. When two ships sail within a few hours of each other, one belonging to the American Line and one to another line, we use the American because it is under contract with the Government and no additional expense is involved. But we make this discrimination only when the difference in time is but a few hours, and experience has shown that we hold the mails for that reason for less time than the English postoffice department."

"Our records for the past three months show that there were no unusual delays, and I believe that the trouble mentioned in the dispatch is simply a delayed passage such as is liable to happen to any steamship. Our office has heard nothing of the complaints and I am inclined to think that the matter is one of personal animosity upon the part of some individual whose mail has unavoidably been delayed."

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## FRANCE INTERESTED IN LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS

**M. Pelletan, Minister of Marine, Assists Inventor.**

PARIS, April 4.—M. Pelletan, minister of marine, has placed a vessel at the disposal of M. Zuchowicki, of La Rochelle, for the continuance of his interesting experiments with life-saving apparatus.

This consists of a large kite of oiled cloth, with four air bags in the head to maintain its equilibrium. The kite's tail consists of six cloth pockets in the form of fire buckets, suspended one above the other. At the end of the tail rope a strongly built paddle is fixed. The great difficulty in shipwrecks near shore always has been in getting a rope aboard to establish communication with the land. A strong wind invariably blows ashore. M. Zuchowicki suggests the carrying of a life-saving kite on every vessel, as an inshore blowing wind would make it easier to carry a rope from a vessel ashore than vice versa.

Zuchowicki threw himself into the water with the apparatus eight times a few days ago in a gale of wind and came safely ashore, pulled by the kites from distances of 500, 1,000, and 1,500 yards. One of M. Pelletan's secretaries, who witnessed the experiments, said they were entirely successful. The tests with the dummy were also successful. It is probable that the kite will soon be adopted by the French navy, as well as by fishing and merchant ships.

## MR. WHITE ELECTED TO ATHENAEUM CLUB

**Unique Honor for Secretary of American Embassy.**

LONDON, April 4.—Henry White, secretary of the American embassy, was today elected a life member of the Athenaeum Club. This is the best club in London. It comprises among its members cabinet officers, judges of the high court of justice, bishops, and scholars.

Mr. White's name was proposed by the Right Hon. Sir Alfred Cromyn Lyall and seconded by Prime Minister Balfour. The most eminent Englishmen have to wait years for such an honor, which is conferred under this rule: "The club intrusts this privilege to the committee in entire confidence that it will only elect persons who have attained distinguished eminence in science, literature, or the arts, or for public services."

Mr. White was elected under the latter head. This is probably a unique honor for an American in England.

## FRENCH WRITER THINKS PRESIDENT BLUNDERED

**Admitted Design of United States to Control Canal.**

PARIS, April 4.—Aldice Ebray, who is frequently inspired by the foreign office, has an article in today's "Debats" on President Roosevelt's Chicago speech on the Monroe Doctrine. M. Ebray expresses the opinion that President Roosevelt has slightly enlarged the doctrine without making clear phrases which are capable of various interpretations.

Hitherto, according to President Roosevelt's own messages, the doctrine has failed to serve as a shield for the South American republics unless European powers sought the acquisition of territory. The President now speaks of the "acquisition of any control as really equivalent to territorial aggrandizement." The writer dilates on the use of the word "control." He says the question may early arise whether the seizure of customs constitutes a call for interference by the United States.

M. Ebray thinks President Roosevelt blundered in citing the Panama Canal as an instance where it is necessary to prevent Europeans from obtaining control by building the canal, as he thereby practically admits that the United States is obtaining such control, which will consequently strengthen the hands of the treaty opponents at Bogota.

## ON MISSION FOR THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTION

**Prof. Pumpelly to Make Trip Through Central Asia.**

LONDON, April 4.—Prof. Raphael Pumpelly, the geologist and author, who is now in London, will start in a few days for Russia, whence he hopes to visit Turkestan, though it is not certain that Russia will permit him to go there. Speaking about his proposed trip, Prof. Pumpelly said:

"There have been great geographical changes operating through many thousands of years toward making central Asia more or less of a desert country. These changes have caused gradual depopulation of the countries. The object of my trip is to see whether the region offers a promising field for the study of the relation between measurable geographical changes and economic, social, and ethnographic change, and for archaeological research in connection therewith."

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